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8 October 1958

TO: Assistant Director for Research and Reports  
FROM: Chief, Economic Research Area  
SUBJECT: Activity Report for the Month of September 1958

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1. The JAKIC Economic Working Group, [redacted] including representatives from OSI, AEC, State and Navy, continued its meetings to consider research papers - produced primarily by ORR - and continued the preparation of a coordinated economic contribution to NIE 11-2-59, The Soviet Atomic Energy Program.

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4. Construction Branch (D/S) advised the U.S. Commissioner of Reclamation concerning itineraries in the USSR and USA for Soviet and American hydroelectric power exchange groups. This advice figured in a conference held in Washington, D. C., 30 September - 1 October at which it was agreed that the U.S. could select specific installations irrespective of location in the USSR for inclusion in the itinerary of the American group.

5. Trade Controls Branch (D/S) has given support daily to the ACEP Operating Committee's review of the U.S. security export control list. The Committee's recommendations on the extent of control to be exercised over the more than 300 items composing the list were presented to the Secretary of Commerce for his decision on 2 October.

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6. International Trade Branch (D/S) began a series of discussions with [redacted] members of the Department of State on the 1956 Soviet Foreign Trade Handbook and other aspects of the Soviet foreign trade.

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7. Chief, D/A and members of the USSR Branch met with representatives [redacted] to discuss respective tentative plans for publishing alternative industrial production indexes in rebuttal of G. Warren Nutter's expressed views on the rate of growth of Soviet industrial production.

8. Current Support activity in September covered a wide range, with the greatest emphasis being given to the several Bloc programs for a "giant step forward". The Taiwan Straits and Middle East situations also received heavy attention. Other major items included: guided missile activity, Bloc logistic support to the Middle East, economic penetration activities, economic reorganization and agriculture and consumption in Eastern Europe.

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10. The ERA has tentatively adopted a proposal that self-initiated reports will henceforth carry the names of individual analysts principally responsible for their preparation.

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12. A meeting was held between staff members of the Office of Personnel, their field recruiters and ERA recruiters for 1958 to discuss plans for the annual field recruitment of professions for ERA. This year during late October and November, ERA recruiters will visit colleges and universities in the South in addition to those usually visited in the East, Mid-West and on the West Coast. We have also decided to try a new approach which we hope will project our interests to a wider range of potential employees. The ERA recruiters will give a speech which briefly describes the Agency and emphasizes the work done in ERA and following the talk will individually interview those candidates who are interested in future employment.

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14. The following WBA personnel returned from PCS assignments:
- 25X1A9A a. [redacted] assigned as Deputy Branch Chief, M/FP.
- b. [redacted] - assigned as Chief, St/PR.

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